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**HAMPTON BEACH MAN INDICTED FOR  
PERJURY BEFORE GRAND JURY**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, NH State Police Colonel Gary Sloper and the Drug Enforcement Agency New England Field Division Special Agent in Charge Mark Trouville announced the indictment of John Joseph Clews, age 49, of Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, falsely testifying before a federal grand jury in U. S. District Court in Concord, NH. Clews could face up to five years incarceration and be fined up to \$250,000 or both.

The alleged false testimony is related to an investigation of illegal drug trafficking and illegal drug use in food and drink establishments in Hampton Beach and Nashua, NH. The indictment alleges that Clews falsely testified that he had not made purchases of cocaine from a subject of the investigation during his testimony before a federal grand jury in U. S. District Court in Concord, New Hampshire.

The case was investigated by the New Hampshire State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration's MET Team in Boston. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mark A. Irish and Clyde R. W. Garrigan.

*United States Attorney Colantuono reminds the public that an indictment merely alleges that a crime has been committed and that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*